IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

R.B. Hutchison et al.

Attorney Docket No.: ECHG121699

Filed:

Concurrently

Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ORDERING GOODS, SERVICES AND CONTENT OVER AN INTERNETWORK

USING A VIRTUAL PAYMENT ACCOUNT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

September 16, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.